

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1441 - SB 1773

February 2, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any health benefit plan which provides for cancer therapy from holding proton radiation therapy to a higher standard of clinical evidence for medical policy benefit coverage decisions than the health plan requires for coverage of any other radiation therapy treatment. States that this shall not mandate the coverage of proton radiation therapy by a health benefit plan. Defines a “health benefit plan” as any accident and health insurance policy or certificate; nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation contract; health maintenance organization subscriber contract; plan provided by a multiple employer welfare management; or plan provided by another benefit arrangement, to the extent permitted by the *Employment Retirement Income Security Act*.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This bill specifically states that this does not mandate any coverage of proton radiation therapy by health plans. It only requires that proton radiation therapy not be held to a higher standard of clinical evidence for medical policy benefit coverage than other forms of radiation therapy treatment.
- This will have no effect on any health plan offered through TennCare or any state or local health plan administered by the Division of Benefits Administration.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This legislation will have no significant, direct fiscal impact on businesses located in Tennessee as coverage of proton radiation therapy by health plans is not required.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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